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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRE-PROVISIONING OF BROADBAND  
ACCESS TO SUBSCRIBERS IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

[Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.]

[Please add the following new claims 9-16 as follows:]

9. {NEW} An apparatus in a telecommunication system for providing access to  
telecommunication services to subscribers at user terminals, each of which being separately  
connected to at least one access point via high speed modems and a communication network, the at  
least one access point comprising high speed modems with filters required, characterised in that  
the access point modems are arranged in two groups, a pool of a plurality of high speed  
modems; and multiple high speed modems with direct access; and  
a control means is adapted to control modems and filters during transfer of connections  
between the user terminals and the at least one access point from accessing the pool of modems to  
another access point of directly accessible modems whereby new access points are made available.